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## FIGHT TARIFFS THAT HURT U.S. FARMERS

Duties protecting a small number of U.S. fertilizer producers have cut off essential imports, causing supply shortages and soaring prices for farmers.

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### ABOUT THE DUTIES HURTING FARMERS

Farmers are facing high fertilizer prices and reduced supply. How did it come to this?



### ABOUT PHOSPHATE FERTILIZER

Phosphate fertilizer is used by farmers throughout the United States to produce food that feeds the world.



## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Farmers, farm groups and elected officials have spoken out against fertilizer tariffs. View their voices and add yours.



## WHAT YOU CAN DO

Washington and the farming community need to understand how farmers are hurting. Learn how you can help.

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## ACCESS TO PHOSPHATE FERTILIZER SUPPLY: U.S. FARMERS NEED FRIENDS

Dear American farmers,

The Russian invasion of Ukraine, and the resulting additional shocks to global fertilizer supply due to sanctions against Russia and the cutoff of Ukrainian exports, add even more urgency and complexity to the mounting problems facing U.S. farmers seeking affordable and reliable access to vital plant nutrients.

Even before the Russian assault on Ukraine, U.S. farmers had been cut off from several major sources of badly needed and irreplaceable phosphate fertilizers due to US tariffs on Chinese imports, and countervailing duties (CVDs) placed on Moroccan and Russian imports at the request of US fertilizer manufacturers. At the same time, the dominant U.S. manufacturer and plaintiff in the phosphate CVD case – Mosaic – continues to export nearly half its production to serve its Brazilian retail network and seasonal demand in India and elsewhere. Yet it is precisely because of the consolidation and shrinkage of U.S. production of phosphate fertilizers over the past few decades that imports increased in recent years – for reasons that are impossible to reverse in the short run and maybe even in the longer run due to declining U.S. reserves of phosphate ore. Those phosphate fertilizer imports weren't pushed; they were *pulled* by growing U.S. demand for reliable and diverse supply – a demand that is even more acute now.

A growing number of decision-makers in Congress recognize this need for helping the beleaguered American farmer. Just last week, a bipartisan, bicameral group of 86 legislators **signed a letter** to the U.S. International Trade Commission asking the chair to “reconsider the duties placed on phosphate fertilizer products imported from Morocco” citing “the conditions surrounding on-farm expenses in the United States have dramatically changed since the U.S. International Trade Commission’s

(ITC) determinations in the countervailing duty investigation of phosphate fertilizers from Morocco.”

Further, **a group of 19 U.S. Senators** has asked the Biden Administration to “review all available options to lower the cost of fertilizer.”

Undoubtedly that should include boosting supply from a staunch ally like Morocco.

Morocco is blessed with the world’s largest reserves of phosphate ore, the key input in phosphate fertilizer. It has gladly and reliably made that ore, and the world-leading, high-quality supply of phosphate fertilizers produced by the OCP Group of Morocco, available to customers – and indirectly then to farmers — around the world at fair and market-determined prices. American farmers have an urgent need for access to reliable, quality sources of phosphate fertilizer. They need that reliable supply to grow abundant crops that will keep U.S. agriculture a world leader and help feed the world. As the current global uncertainty around crop nutrition supplies makes clear, U.S. farmers, who are affected by events beyond their control and beyond their borders, need friends.

Sincerely yours,

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